

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT - KAZIS ACT, 1880 (Central Act XII of 1880) – Appointment of Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o. Bade Saheb, Piduguralla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Town and Mandal, Palnadu District in addition to the existing Kazi, initially for a period of ten (10) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only- Notification - Orders - Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.64

Dated: 23.09.2024

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.93, Minorities Welfare (IDM) Department, dated:25.07.2017.
2. Interim orders of the Hon'ble High Court dt:22.08.2017 in WP MP No.32061 of 2017 in W.P.No.25856 of 2017 filed by Sri Hafiz Shaik Mohammed Rizwan.
3. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court dt:24.02.2021 in W.P.No.25856 of 2017 filed by Sri Hafiz Shaik Mohammed Rizwan.
4. From the Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur, Lr.F.No.REVGNT-ESECOEND(GEN)/4/2018-JA(E4)- COLGNT, dated:09.01.2017 and 06.07.2018.

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In the reference first read above, Government has appointed Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o. Sri .Bade Saheb, Piduguralla as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Town, Guntur District and Sri Shaik Tajuddin, S/o. Sri Imma Saheb, Piduguralla as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District and retain Machavaram, Gurazala & Dachepalli Mandals with the existing Government Kazi Sri Shaik Mohammed Rijwan, S/o.Sri Md.Shahid, Piduguralla Town initially for a period of three (3) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only.

2. In the reference second read above, Sri Shaik Mohammed Rijwan who was appointed as Government Khazi for Gurajala constituency vide G.O.Ms.No.111, Minorities Welfare (Wakf-I) Department, dt.26-04-2011 has filed W.P.No.25856/2017 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. against the above appointment of Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o Bade Saheb, Piduguralla as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Town, Guntur District vide G.O.Rt.No.93, Minorities Welfare (Wakf-I) Department, dt.25-07-2017. The Hon'ble High Court in its interim orders dated 22.08.2017 passed interim suspension orders as prayed for. Further the Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated:24.02.2021 has dismissed the Writ Petition stating as infructuous in the reference third read above.

3. In the reference fourth read above, the District Collector, Guntur (erstwhile) while enclosing the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala and the District Minorities Welfare Officer, Guntur and opinion of the Principal Muhammadans of local area, has stated that Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o. Bade Saheb, H.No.8-536, Near Bilal Maseed, Piduguralla since 15 years and also having Moulive Degree. There are 30,000 population Muslim Minorities in Piduguralla Town they are facing problems during Muslim marriages because of one Khazi, and hence appointment of another Government Kazi to conduct the marriages in Piduguralla Town and Mandal. He has further stated that The Piduguralla Town come under Gurazala Assembly Constituency having 30 wards and Mandals is having 10 Revenue Village and 14 Gram Panchayats. Finally, the District Collector, Guntur (erstwhile) has requested the Government to appoint Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o Bade Saheb as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Town and Mandal for conducting marriages to Muslim Community as per section 2 of the Kazis Act, 1880.

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4. After careful examination of the proposal of the Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur (erstwhile) District, Government hereby appoint Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o. Bade Saheb, Piduguralla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Town and Mandal, Palnadu District in addition to the existing Kazi, as per Section (2) of the Kazis Act, 1880 (Central Act XII of 1880), initially for a period of ten (10) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only subject to the following conditions:

- 1.The Kazi is answerable to the Government for his actions.
- 2.The appointment of the Kazi can be revoked by the Government on receipt of complaints/verification of records or in extreme cases without notice, if malafide is established as per record.
- 3.The Kazi shall not indulge any illegal activity in the conduct of marriages nor infringe any law established by the Government.
- 4.The Kazi shall not carry out marriage of any minor.
- 5.The Kazi shall not act in any way which is prohibited in Islam or is not permissible in Islam.
- 6.The Kazi shall not conduct contract marriages.
- 7.The Kazi or his Naib Kazi shall not perform any marriage, in any area, beyond his specified Jurisdiction.
- 8.The Kazi shall charge the specified fee and nothing more than that.
- 9.The Kazi shall appoint not more than three (3) Naib Kazis and the names of such Naib Kazis shall be informed to the Government.
- 10.Government shall have the right to take disciplinary action against the Kazi, in case of any contravention of Law or of any conditions specified above.
- 11.The Kazi shall hand-over the Marriage Record to the Wakf Board, at the end of the tenure.

5. If any question arises whether any person has been rightly appointed as Kazi under the above said Section, the decision thereof by the State Government shall be conclusive. The State Government may, if it thinks fit, suspend or remove any Kazi appointed under this Section, who is guilty of any misconduct in the execution of his Office, or who is for a continuous period of six months absent from the local area for which he is appointed, or leaves such local area for the purpose of residing elsewhere, or is declared an insolvent or desires to be discharged from the office, or who refuses or becomes in the opinion of the State Government unfit, or personally incapable to discharge the duties of office.

6. The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh State Gazette: -

NOTIFICATION

“In exercise of the powers conferred under Section (2) of the Kazis Act,1880 (Central Act XII of 1880), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, after consulting the Principal Muhammadan residents of local area, hereby appoint Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o. Bade Saheb, Piduguralla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District as Government Kazi for Piduguralla Town and Mandal, Palnadu District in addition to the existing Kazi, initially for a period of ten (10) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only”.

7. The Collector and District Magistrate, Palnadu District / the Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**KATI HARSHAVARDHAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, S/o. Bade Saheb,
Piduguralla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District
(Through the District Collector, Palnadu District).

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